

HOUSE BILL NO. 152

INTRODUCED BY FISHER

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION OF  
6 DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LAWS; CLARIFYING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS RECEIVED FOR  
7 FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT OF MUTUAL AID; REVISING THE STATUTORY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS  
8 RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR EMERGENCY OR DISASTER SERVICES TO  
9 INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR FIRE  
10 SUPPRESSION; INCREASING THE STATUTORY APPROPRIATION UNDER THE EMERGENCY POWERS  
11 OF THE GOVERNOR FROM \$12 MILLION TO ~~\$25~~ \$16 MILLION; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-3-203 AND  
12 10-3-312, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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16 **Section 1.** Section 10-3-203, MCA, is amended to read:

17 **"10-3-203. Acceptance of services, gifts, grants, and loans.** (1) Whenever the federal government  
18 or any agency or officer of the federal government offers to the state, or through the state to any political  
19 subdivision of the state, services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant, reimbursement  
20 of mutual aid, or loan for purposes of emergency or disaster services, the state, acting through the governor,  
21 or the political subdivision, acting through its executive officer or governing body, may accept the offer. Upon  
22 the acceptance, the governor of the state or the executive officer or governing body of the political subdivision  
23 may authorize any officer of the state or of the political subdivision to receive the services, equipment, supplies,  
24 materials, or funds on behalf of the state or political subdivision and subject to the terms of the offer and the  
25 rules, if any, of the agency making the offer.

26 (2) The funds, items, and services set forth in subsection (1) are statutorily appropriated, as provided  
27 in 17-7-502, to the governor for the purposes set forth in subsection (1) or to the department of natural resources  
28 and conservation for fire suppression purposes or costs."

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30 **Section 2.** Section 10-3-312, MCA, is amended to read:



